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Clinton Urges State on Quick Release of Emails

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton talks to shop owner Emilea Hillman, left, and Hillman's mother Tami Fenner as she stops at Em's Coffee Co., Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in Independence, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)



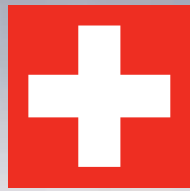
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People protest outside of the Bike Tech cycling shop in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to small business owners.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday pressed the State Department to expedite the release of 55,000 pages of emails from her time as secretary of state, telling reporters in Iowa, "I want those emails out."

Clinton reiterated her push to release the emails shortly after a federal judge rejected the State Department's proposal to disseminate portions of the emails by next January and said the agency must instead conduct a "rolling production" of the records.

Clinton, the Democratic front-runner in the 2016 presidential election, said she wanted the documents to be released as soon as possible, saying, "Nobody has a bigger interest in getting them released than I do." Asked if she would demand their release, Clinton said of the emails, "They're not mine. They belong to the State Department."

Clinton spoke after a small business event for her campaign in Iowa, the home of the nation's first presiden-

tial caucuses.

The disclosure that she conducted State Department business on a private email account has been a controversy from the very inception of her campaign this year and raised questions about her commitment to transparency.

During the Tuesday hearing, a federal judge gave the State Department a week to craft a schedule for releasing the records, according to Vice News lawyer Jeffrey Light.

Department spokesman Jeff Rathke said the State Department would comply with the court's order for the "rolling production" of emails.

The agency had made its initial proposal in a federal court filing Monday night, in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by Vice News.

In the filing, John F. Hackett, who is responsible for the department's responses to Freedom of Information Act requests, said that following a review of the emails, the department will post the releasable portions of the 55,000 pages on its website.

He said the review will take until the end of the year — and asked the court to adopt a completion date of Jan. 15, 2016, to factor in the holidays.

That's just a couple of weeks before the Iowa caucuses and early state primaries that follow.

In Monday night's filing in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Hackett said the State Department received the 55,000

pages of emails from Clinton in paper form.

"Given the breadth and importance of the many foreign policy issues on which the secretary of state and the department work, the review of these materials will likely require consultation with a broad range of subject matter experts within the department and other agencies, as well as potentially with foreign governments," he

said. "...The department is committed to processing the 55,000 pages as expeditiously as possible, while taking into consideration the department's other legal obligations."

He said he the department understands the considerable public interest in the records, but said the size of the collection, the nature of the emails and the interest of several agencies present challenges. □

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Obama, Senate Republicans work together on trade bill

DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration and Senate Republicans worked in unusual harmony Tuesday to advance major trade legislation opposed by many rank-and-file Democrats, an expanding struggle already leaving a mark on the 2016 campaigns for the White House and control of Congress.

In rapid-fire order, the administration threatened to veto a proposed change in the trade bill to require U.S. negotiators to target currency manipulation more directly in trade talks, and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said his party was prepared to vote down the amendment. The administration's veto threat came in the form of a letter from Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to the bill's leading supporters. He warned that approv-

ing the amendment could cause trade partners to walk away from talks on a 12-nation deal among countries that border the Pacific Ocean.

"We'll be working hard to keep any amendment off the bill that could tank" it, he said of the proposal, backed by Sens. Rob Portman, a Republican, Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat, and others.

McConnell is one of President Barack Obama's fiercest critics in Congress, and his comment underscored the unusual political lines created by a bill to let the Democratic president negotiate global trade deals that Congress could approve or reject, but not change. The White House and pro-business Republicans support the measure, while union-backed Democrats oppose it.

Portman, who once served as President George W.



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, with small business owners to discuss the Trade Promotion Authority bill. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Bush's special trade representative, is also a likely supporter of the bill. At the same time, he faces a competitive re-election campaign in his Midwest-

ern political swing state next year, and has played a central role in efforts to make the legislation require American negotiators to give higher importance to

combatting currency manipulation by other countries.

The division has spilled over into the 2016 race for the White House, as well. □

Seattle protests influence John Kerry trade speech venue

CHRIS GRYGIEL

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle of-

ficials told Secretary of State John Kerry he'd be better off avoiding the city

to deliver a major trade speech because of ongoing protests over Arctic

drilling that have drawn hundreds of activists on land and sea.

Port of Seattle spokesman Peter McGraw said State Department staffers had been looking at Seattle locations for Kerry to speak, including a downtown hotel. But McGraw said the Port advised the State Department to look elsewhere because of the Arctic drilling demonstrations. "With all the hoopla we were juggling, it was an opportunity best presented to others," McGraw said Tuesday. "We just let them know that we had our hands full with other events, if they had other locales they were best for them to pursue."

Kerry spoke Tuesday morning at a Boeing plant in

Renton, about 12 miles (19 kilometers) south of Seattle, about the strategic and economic importance of trade.

The speech was planned for more than a week, but the State Department didn't announce the venue until Monday, the same day hundreds of activists holding banners and flags marched to a Port of Seattle facility and rallied for hours. They blocked the entrances where a massive Royal Dutch Shell drill rig will be loaded before heading to waters off Alaska this summer.

On Saturday, hundreds of "kayaktivists" paddled near the 400-foot (122-meter) Polar Pioneer because they were upset it is being moored in Elliott Bay. □



Takata air bag recall doubles to nearly 34 million



Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, left, accompanied by NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind, talks about the Takata air bag inflator recall, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the Transportation Department in Washington. Air bag maker Takata Corp. has agreed to declare 33.8 million of its inflator mechanisms defective, effectively doubling the number of cars and trucks that have been recalled in the U.S. so far.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

MARCY GORDON
TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, Takata Corp. has agreed to declare 33.8 million air bags defective, a move that will double the number of cars and trucks included in what is now the largest auto recall in U.S. history.

The chemical that inflates the air bags can explode with too much force, blowing apart a metal inflator and sending shrapnel into the passenger compartment. The faulty inflators are responsible for six deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide.

The agreement adds more than 18 million air bags to existing recalls, covering both the passenger and driver's side. The recalls of passenger-side air bags, previously limited to high-humidity states along the Gulf Coast, are now expanded nationwide by 10.2 million vehicles. A nationwide recall of driver's side air bags was expanded to include an additional 7.9 million vehicles.

"We know that owners are worried about their safety and the safety of their families," said Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as he announced the agreement. "This is probably the most complex consumer safety recall in U.S. history."

Safety regulators sparred

with Takata for the past year over the size of the recalls and the cause of the problem. For the most part, the air bag maker refused to declare the inflators defective and even questioned the agency's authority to order it to conduct a recall.

Takata and 11 automakers that use its air bags, including Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp., will have to sort out which vehicles are covered by the expanded recalls. NHTSA said the number of affected air bags could climb. Before Takata, the largest recall in U.S. history was in 1980 when Ford Motor Co. had to fix 21 million cars and trucks with automatic transmissions that could slip into reverse. The Takata recall dwarfs last year's highly publicized recall of 2.6 million General Motors small cars for defective ignition switches and Toyota's recalls of 10 million vehicles for problems with unintended acceleration.

Rosekind said the agency and auto industry are still trying to determine precisely what is causing Takata's inflators to explode, but action needed to be taken immediately.

Takata's air bags use ammonium nitrate to inflate in a crash. But the chemical, which can be used to make bombs, is volatile. So far, testing has found that airborne moisture can get into the inflators and cause the ammonium nitrate to

burn hotter than it should, Rosekind said.

He urged car owners who get recall notices in the mail should immediately make an appointment to get their cars fixed. Owners can key in their vehicle identification number at <https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/> to see if their car is part of the recall. The number is stamped on the dashboard near the driver's side windshield and also can be found on state auto registration documents. It may take weeks before all the identification numbers are entered into the database. On Feb. 20, NHTSA began fining Takata \$14,000 per day for failing to fully cooperate in the investigation. That fine accrued to more than \$1.2 million before it was suspended Tuesday

due to Takata's cooperation, NHTSA officials said. Other civil penalties are still possible, they said.

Still, it likely will be months or longer before Takata and other companies can manufacture all the needed replacement inflators. Inflators will be allocated to older cars and to high-humidity areas first, where people are most at risk, the agency said. The expansion will cost Takata millions of dollars.

Takata CEO Shigehisa Takada said in a statement that the action is a "clear path" to restoring the trust of automakers and drivers. "We are committed to continuing to work closely with NHTSA and our automaker customers to do everything we can to advance the safety of drivers," he said. □

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Matthew Apperson, who authorities say was involved in a shooting incident involving George Zimmerman, enters the Lake Mary Police Department with his attorney in Lake Mary, Fla. A police report says Apperson, charged with shooting at George Zimmerman on May 11, had "a fixation" on the former neighborhood watch leader. (Red Huber/Orlando Sentinel via AP, File)

Police Report:

Shooter was fixated on Zimmerman

**MIKE SCHNEIDER
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ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — A Florida man charged with shooting at George Zimmerman last week had "a fixation" on the former neighborhood watch leader and had recently been admitted to a mental institution, according to a police report made public Tuesday. The Lake Mary Police Department report said that 36-year-old Matthew Apperson had shown signs of paranoia, anxiety and bipolar disorder. Apperson's attorney, Michael LaFay, refused to comment on any past hospitalizations of Apperson, but he questioned the qualifications of the Police Department to make any psychological or psychiatric diagnoses. "I'm unaware of any psy-

chological or psychiatric degrees that are held by the officers at the Lake Mary Police Department," LaFay told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I'm going to take their diagnoses with a grain of salt." Zimmerman was acquitted of any crime two years ago for fatality shooting unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin. The case sparked protests and a national debate about race relations. The U.S. Justice Department later decided not to bring a civil rights case against Zimmerman. Zimmerman told officers he had been driving in the Orlando suburb of Lake Mary last week when Apperson got behind his truck and yelled, "You remember me you fat mother f-----?" according to the report. Apperson then yelled at

Zimmerman, "You owe me your life. The only reason I didn't press charges on you is because I wanted to kill you myself," Zimmerman told detectives, according to the report. Zimmerman and Apperson had a previous road-rage encounter last September, when Apperson alleged that Zimmerman had threatened him. Apperson decided not to pursue charges, and police officers were unable to move forward without a car tag identified or witnesses. Two days later, Apperson called police to report that Zimmerman's truck was parked near the disability-benefits office where he worked. Zimmerman told police officers he had an appointment in the same office park, and no charges were filed. □

Motorcycle gang shootout began as a parking dispute

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Associated Press**

WACO, Texas (AP) — A deadly weekend shootout involving rival motorcycle gangs apparently began with a parking dispute and someone running over a gang member's foot, police said Tuesday. Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said an uninvited group appeared for the meeting of a loose confederation of biker gangs held Sunday at a restaurant. One man was injured when a vehicle rolled over his foot. That caused a dispute that continued inside the restaurant, where fighting and then shooting began, before the melee spilled back outside, Swanton said. When the shootout was over, nine people were dead and 18 wounded. About 50 weapons were confiscated, mostly knives and firearms, and Swanton said more than 100 weapons may be found once authorities are done analyzing the crime scene at the Twin Peaks restaurant. Preliminary autopsy results showed all nine of the dead were killed by gunshots. Most of the men were in their 40s, but they ranged in age from 27 to 65, according to reports released by a McLennan County justice of the peace. Of the injured, seven remain hospitalized. Swanton described their conditions as stable. He said the investigation is being hampered by witnesses who "are not being honest with us." Police are concerned that the brawl will invite retaliation and more violence, Swanton said. Authorities warned weeks ago of growing animosity between rival motorcycle gangs, a feud that erupted into violence at the restaurant, which had drawn a large lunchtime crowd to a busy Waco shopping complex along Interstate 35. In a memo dated May 1, the Texas Department of Public Safety cautioned authorities about increasing violence between the Bandidos and the Cossacks, Dallas TV station WFAA reported Monday. McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara has said all nine of those killed were part of those two groups. About 170 bikers have been charged with engaging in organized crime. Swanton said more arrests are likely. McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. Peterson set bond at \$1 million for each suspect. He defended the high amount, citing the violence that quickly unfolded in a shopping market busy with a lunchtime crowd. The DPS Joint Information Center bulletin said the tension could stem from Cossacks refusing to pay Bandidos dues for operating in Texas and for wearing a patch on their vest that claimed Texas as their turf without the Bandidos' approval. "Traditionally, the Bandidos have been the dominant motorcycle club in Texas, and no other club is allowed to wear the Texas bar without their consent," the bulletin said, according to WFAA. □

US Financial Front:

Surge in home construction is lifting hopes for US economy

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. housing market has given a sudden jolt to what appeared to be a slumping economy.

Builders broke ground on homes last month at the fastest pace in more than seven years. The stepped-up construction is helping boost sales at stores like Home Depot and Lowe's and improving the likelihood that the U.S. economy will accelerate after likely shrinking early this year.

In part, the surge in housing starts in April reflected a rebound from a dismal winter that shut down construction sites and hampered growth across the economy. Builders may struggle to maintain their robust April pace. But there is reason for optimism.

For one thing, construction of single-family houses rose in regions of the country where winter weather had had little impact. For another, the rate of approved building permits — a harbinger of future construction — rose a solid 10 percent from March to April. That reflects buyer demand.

"If you're willing to buy a house, that speaks volumes about your confidence, job prospects and economic fortunes going forward," said Michael Dolega, a se-

lower oil prices cutting into factory orders.

On Tuesday, the government reported a surprising 20.2 percent jump in residential construction to a

to 2 percent from 1.9 percent.

By region, house and apartment building starts surged last month in the Northeast, Midwest and West, while

that freezing temperatures and snowstorms held back builders early in the year and that last quarter's jump pointed to strong pent-up demand.

In part, the increased home building reflects a dual nature of the U.S. economy: Hiring has been solid even while overall economic growth has remained feeble.

Employers added a healthy 223,000 jobs in April, causing the unemployment rate to slip to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent. The economy has gained about 3.1 million jobs — and paychecks — over the past 12 months. The economic growth that those paychecks should fuel has so far proved elusive. Even so, demand for housing has picked up. Sales of existing homes jumped 6 percent in March, the National Association of Realtors said last month.

But a tight supply has been keeping a lid on sales: The market has just 4.6 months' worth of available homes, compared with six months in what economists would consider a healthy market. Further strong construction could ease those worries about supply. □



Construction on a new apartment complex continues on Pittsburgh's Southside. The Commerce Department released housing starts for April on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

nior economist at TD Bank. The hints of a healthier economy follow a bleak first quarter. Growth is thought to have gone in reverse from January through March, a result of a harsh winter, a stronger dollar squeezing U.S. exports and

seasonally adjusted annual pace of 1.14 million. As a result, analysts at Barclays slightly raised their forecast for economic growth in the April-June quarter to 2.7 percent from 2.6 percent, and Macroeconomic Advisers boosted its estimate

slipping slightly in the South. All four regions enjoyed increased construction of single-family houses. The sharpest gain by far was in the Northeast, where the pace of construction soared nearly 86 percent. That suggested

American Living:

For many low-income workers, calling in sick is a luxury

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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For Shannon Henderson, getting a cold or flu could be the difference between putting food on the table and going hungry.

As a part-time customer service representative at a Wal-Mart in Sacramento, California, Henderson is one of an estimated 40 million American workers for whom calling in sick is a luxury. If they don't work, they don't get paid.

"I'm super afraid of getting sick," said Henderson, 29, who slathers on hand sanitizer at work in hopes of fending off illness.

Paid sick leave is the next frontier in the fight for the

country's lowest earners. Some of the same workers' rights groups that grabbed headlines recently by pushing companies for wage hikes are steering the conversation toward paid sick leave. The debate has caught the attention of governments and companies alike.

President Barack Obama is calling for federal legislation that would require companies to guarantee workers paid sick days. And since San Francisco started requiring that in 2007, nearly 20 cities and three states — Connecticut, Massachusetts and California — have passed similar measures. New York, Maryland and other states are consider-

ing laws too. And McDonald's Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which have announced wage hikes recently, are making changes to their paid sick leave policies.

"Paid sick days are a job issue," said Ellen Bravo, executive director for Family Values @ Work, a network of coalitions fighting to pass paid sick days and family leave policies. "When you don't have sick pay, you get docked."

The new focus comes amid wide disparities between the benefits received by the top and bottom rungs of the corporate ladder. Sixty-one percent of U.S. workers get at least one paid sick day, according to

a national compensation survey of employee benefits conducted last year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But only 20 percent of workers whose wages are at the bottom 10 percent get paid sick leave, compared with 87 percent in the top 10 percent.

There's also a difference when comparing part-time and full-time employees: Seventy-four percent of full-time workers get paid sick leave, while 24 percent of part-time workers do, according to BLS.

Despite the disparities, some industry groups are fighting against laws requiring sick leave pay. Lisa Horn, director of congress-

sional affairs at Society for Human Resource Management, a human resource management trade group, says many companies are leaning toward policies that lump sick, personal and vacation days together.

But she says laws force companies to scale back on those benefits to keep down the costs associated with people taking sick days off.

"These mandates have a chilling effect on employers' ability to innovate and be creative with their leave options," she said.

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Eileen Appelbaum, senior economist at Center for Economic and Policy Research, says mandated sick pay has not had a negative impact on some companies that have been surveyed. According to a survey the group did of businesses in Connecticut, which has required paid sick leave since 2012, one-third of workers took no paid sick leave. "They treat them as insurance," she said.

Big companies with operations nationwide are

changing their paid sick leave policies ahead of legislation.

In February, Wal-Mart, the largest U.S. private employer, said within about a year it would end the one-day wait for sick pay for all full-time U.S. workers. That's a change from the current system that requires Wal-Mart workers in the U.S. to wait a day to use sick days, which means they have to use personal days on the first day out sick. (Full-time workers can earn up to two personal days and about six days of sick leave pay a year.)

Randy Hargrove, a Wal-Mart spokesman, said the

company also is reviewing its sick policy for part-time workers, who account for half of its 1.3 million-person workforce in the U.S. Currently, if part-time workers are ill, they have to use personal days. McDonald's is taking a different approach by lumping personal and sick days together. Starting July 1, full-time and part-time workers at company-owned restaurants will begin to accrue personal paid time off after one year of service that can be used for sick leave. An employee working an average of 20 hours a week will be eligible to accrue about 20 hours of paid



Shannon Henderson poses outside the Wal-Mart store where she works as a part-time customer service representative, in Sacramento, Calif. Henderson is one of an estimated 40 million American workers for who calling in sick is a luxury. If they don't work, they don't get paid.

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"We've listened to our employees and learned that — in addition to increased wages — paid personal leave ... would make a real difference in their careers and lives," McDonald's President and CEO Steve Easterbrook said in a statement.

Workplace experts expect other companies to follow Wal-Mart and McDonald's. "More employers are voluntarily adopting paid sick leave programs," says Mark Girouard, an employment attorney at Nilan Johnson Lewis who represents national retailers.

That is welcome news to workers who struggle to make ends meet when they take a sick day. □



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Iraq struggles with sectarian politics after Ramadi fall

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) As it moves to try to reverse the stunning loss of Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's largest Sunni province, the Shiite-led government is hamstrung by the sectarian politics it has failed to overcome ever since the Islamic State group began its rampage more than a year ago.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi vowed Tuesday to arm Sunni tribesmen to help retake Ramadi, a plan the United States has encouraged to better empower the minority community in the fight to defend their cities and to reduce their support for the Sunni extremists.

But the pledge met immediate skepticism from Sunnis, given that similar promises after Islamic State militants seized the northern city of Mosul last summer were barely implemented. It also met quick resistance from Shiite rivals within al-Abadi's own government, who oppose arming Sunnis.

At the same time, the government was rallying Iranian-backed Shiite militiamen to join the offensive, raising the prospect of dangerous frictions in a country that was nearly torn to pieces by bloody Shiite-Sunni violence from 2006-2007. Though the Shiite militiamen have been crucial to reversing other losses to IS militants, they have also been accused of abuses against Sunni residents of those areas.

Around 3,000 Shiite militiamen have deployed near Ramadi, most in the Habbaniya military base and the town of Khaldiya, east of the city. Others deployed on routes from An-

bar province toward southern Iraq to prevent any IS attempt to advance on Shiite holy sites there.

The capture of Ramadi was

combination of regular troops, Shiite militias and Kurdish fighters backed by U.S.-led airstrikes have managed to seize back territory

who had been battling the extremists in Ramadi for months collapsed as IS fighters overran the city. The militants gained not

done by the government forces as they fled.

The city's fall is a major test for the Shiite al-Abadi, who came to power eight months ago promising to better embrace Iraq's Sunni minority to reduce support in the community for the Islamic State group. Al-Abadi's predecessor, Nouri al-Maliki, was accused of fiercely anti-Sunni policies during his eight years in power that even some Shiites say helped push Sunnis toward the extremist group. Al-Maliki was pushed out of office after IS overran Mosul and much of the north last summer.

Enlisting the help of Anbar's Sunni tribes was critical to the success of U.S. efforts to stabilize Iraq and defeat Sunni militants in the latter stages of the Iraq war in 2007-2008. After the withdrawal of U.S. troops in 2011, al-Maliki cut off funding for pro-government Sunni militias and Sunni feelings of discrimination and disenfranchisement grew. □



Displaced Iraqis from Ramadi wait in the open, as security forces close the Bzebiz bridge for security reasons, to prevent them from crossing to the capital, near the Bzebiz bridge, 65 kilometers (40 miles) west of Baghdad, Iraq. Islamic State militants routed Iraqi troops and seized Ramadi over the weekend in their most significant advance since a U.S.-led coalition began airstrikes against the extremists last summer.

(AP Photo)

a major blow to the U.S.-backed strategy against the Islamic State group. Over the past months, the

from IS across northern and western Iraq.

But on Sunday, the security forces and Sunni militiamen

only new territory 70 miles (115 kilometers) west of Baghdad, but also large stocks of weapons aban-

Yemen sees heaviest airstrikes since truce expired

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The Saudi-led coalition on Tuesday carried out the heaviest airstrikes on the Yemeni capital since a five-day truce with Yemen's Shiite rebels expired earlier this week, hitting weapons depots in the mountains surrounding Sanaa and sending dozens of families fleeing their homes in panic.

The bombardment began shortly after midnight Monday, with airstrikes targeting rebel-held military depots in the mountains of Fag Atan and Noqom, where missiles, tanks and artillery are kept, the residents said.

There was no immediate word on casualties.

The Saudi-led coalition has repeatedly struck the two sites since launching the air campaign against the Iranian-backed rebels, known as Houthis, on March 26. But Tuesday's assault was the heaviest since Sunday's expiration of a five-day humanitarian truce, which was repeatedly violated.

By sunset, a fresh wave of airstrikes sent fire and smoke rising from the mountains around the capital, Sanaa. Dozens of families living close to the bombed sites hurriedly loaded their belongings onto vehicles and left in search of safer areas.

Missiles hit several Houthi positions on Tuesday in their strongholds in the northern provinces of Saada and Hajjah, as well as a gathering of fighters allied with the Houthis in the city of Ibb, south of Sanaa. The rebels and their allies were also hit in the western city of Taiz and the southern city of Aden, near its airport, as well as in the eastern province of Marib. Airstrikes also targeted a house owned by ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh in the Sanaa suburb of Sanhan, flattening it. Saleh's whereabouts are not known but his loyalists in the country's fragmented army have joined ranks

with the Houthis.

That alliance paved the way for the rebel takeover of Sanaa last September and boosted the rebels' ability to advance into southern cities in an effort to expand their territorial gains. "Our house is just next to Saleh's house and most of the people have left. Now the district is like a ghost city," said Fathi al-Udini who also left with his family, fleeing al-Dajaj. Meanwhile, the Houthis fired Katyusha rockets at the Saudi border region of Najran from their stronghold of Saada on Tuesday, according to tribesmen in the region. □

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Portugal investigates police beating at soccer game

BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

MATOSINHOS, Portugal (AP)

— Jose Magalhaes took his two young boys and his elderly father to watch a big Portuguese soccer game, thinking it would be a treat for all. Instead, he and his family are at the center of a national scandal over alleged police brutality.

Live video of a police officer beating Magalhaes with a truncheon in front of his sons outside the stadium Sunday, and also punching his 66-year-old father, has sparked outrage in Portugal and led to an official investigation by authorities of alleged abuse of power by police.

Magalhaes told The Associated Press on Tuesday that police had allowed him and his sons to leave the stadium before others because his children, aged nine and 13, were being crushed as fans inside celebrated a result that gave Benfica, the club his family supports, the Portuguese championship title.

"It was supposed to be a day of celebration," Magalhaes told the AP at his



Jose Magalhaes is detained by police after being attacked by other policemen with batons outside of a stadium, in Guimaraes, Portugal, Sunday, May 17, 2015. Portuguese prosecutors are investigating a policeman who beat a man outside a soccer stadium, sparking a national scandal. (AP Photo/Delfim Machado)

lawyer's office Tuesday in his hometown of Matosinhos, about 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of the capital Lisbon.

Police declined to comment to the AP, but the national headquarters said in a statement it has opened an investigation into the incident. The government department that oversees

the police is also analyzing police conduct.

Dramatic video footage, played widely on Portuguese television and on social media, shows the Magalhaes family by a low wall outside the stadium, where the youngest child sat and drank a bottle of water. There were few other people in the vicinity because

police were holding rival fans inside the stadium at Guimaraes, also in northern Portugal, to avoid clashes in surrounding streets.

An officer questioned Magalhaes, then punched his father before using a truncheon to beat Magalhaes on the ground while his 9-year-old screamed "Dad! Dad!" □

Greek politicians rev up pressure on government

DEREK GATOPOULOS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP)

Three senior members of Greece's governing Syriza party late Monday urged the government to halt bailout repayments — and prepare the country for a possible euro exit.

The group of dissenters, headed by the party's former chief economist John Milios, warned that Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' four-month-old government was being pressured by rescue lenders into abandoning election promises and continuing with austerity measures.

"The government cannot be caught in a neo-liberal trap," Milios told a gathering of supporters. "This can only be broken if it is made clear that we intend to delay repayments. We cannot disappoint those who trusted us." It was strongest challenge posed to Tsipras since the charismatic 40-year-old left-wing politician won general elections in January. Milios was joined by two party executive members, Sofia Papadogianni and Antonis Danavelos, who also backed a repayment freeze. "We must not be afraid. We must prepare for an exit from the euro. They will not expel us but we must be prepared," Papadogianni said to applause from the crowd, packing into a small conference room.

Tsipras' government is struggling to agree on a list of reforms creditors have demanded in return for bailout money that Greece needs to avoid defaulting on debts due next month. □

Scotland Yard arrests 9 in major London jewel heist

GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — With meticulous planning and remarkable good fortune, the thieves who broke into a safe deposit in London's diamond district seemed to have pulled off the perfect jewel heist. But their luck ran out Tuesday when more than 200 Scotland Yard officers closed in on them.

The nine arrests were a triumph for embattled detectives whose early work had been criticized because of an embarrassing failure

to respond to a midnight alarm at the start of a holiday weekend. That gave the thieves more than 48 hours to carefully remove the contents of the safe used by jewelers in the Hatton Garden district.

The suspects, all British men between ages 43 and 76, were questioned in a London police station after coordinated morning raids in northern London and the southeastern district of Kent, Scotland Yard said.

It said bags containing a significant amount of high-

value property were recovered at one of the addresses but did not assign a value to the heist.

The audacious robbery over the Easter weekend fascinated Britain. Dressed in fluorescent vests and hard hats, the thieves entered the high-security vault area in the London diamond district, carrying bags and wheeled garbage bins for carrying off the booty.

To gain entry, they climbed down an elevator shaft and drilled through concrete

walls that were 2 meters (6 feet) thick, later making off with the contents of 72 safety deposit boxes.

Commander Peter Spindler on Tuesday defended the police performance in the face of the earlier criticism. "At times we've been portrayed as if we have acted like Keystone Cops but I want to reassure you that in the finest traditions of Scotland Yard, these detectives have done their utmost to bring justice to the victims of this callous crime," he said. □



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Unequal schools in France prompt strike, soul-searching



Teachers and education employees march during a demonstration to protest government plans to reform the education system, in Paris, France, Tuesday, May 19, 2015. France is trying to shake up a top-down system of teaching, end an elite bilingual program and give schools more say in how students spend their time, saying entrenched inequality in education threatens the country's future.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France is trying to shake up a top-down system of teaching, end an elite bilingual program and give schools more say in how students spend their time, saying entrenched inequality in education threatens the country's fu-

ture. The plan from the Socialist-led government came after an international study ranked France among the developed world's most unequal school systems, with students' performance highly dependent upon their socio-economic status. The changes set to

start in 2016 are relatively modest: scaling back Latin and Greek, rescheduling and expanding foreign language teaching, and letting schools — rather than the central government — decide how to spend 20 percent of students' time. But the plan prompted a strike on Tuesday, draw-

ing criticism from both left-leaning teachers' unions and French conservatives. It's a debate that is similar to discussions about underperforming students in the United States.

French teachers' unions, which routinely protest any changes, complain the reforms are superficial and were pushed through without consultation. Conservatives fear an attack on France's intellectual tradition. The government wants to add multi-disciplinary classes and cut a well-respected bilingual program that enrolls about 15 percent of top students in favor of expanding foreign language classes to a broader range of younger children. Students will start learning their first foreign language — usually English — in the equivalent of first grade and their second foreign language around age 12. But French conservatives have fixed on a new required theme for middle school history classes, titled "A world dominated by Europe: Colonial empires, commercial exchanges

and slave trades." A seemingly more positive take on the period, titled "Society and culture in the Enlightenment," is an elective.

Latin and Greek will be de-emphasized — currently 20 percent of middle schoolers learn those ancient languages — but still optional. The government went out of its way to reassure worried German officials that German and English will still be the first foreign languages taught.

The number of hours in class, 26 per week, will not change.

For Peter Gumbel, a British journalist who lives in Paris and is about to publish a second book about French schooling, the plan is a timid approach to an urgent problem.

"They can't be radical because they know if they try anything radical the whole country would erupt. As it is, they're trying something that is not radical and the country is not quite erupting but people are going out in the streets and there's a lot of indignation," Gumbel said. □

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13 people missing in Mexico after vigilantes withdraw

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Thirteen people have been reported as having gone missing during vigilantes' brief occupation of a violence-racked city in southern Mexico, a human rights official said Tuesday. The disappearances added to confusion surrounding the takeover of the city of Chilapa by so-called "community police" earlier this month. The vigilantes, claiming

to be self-defense forces from surrounding towns, took over Chilapa on May 9, purportedly to end violence in a city being fought over by the rival Rojos and Ardillos drug gangs. The vigilantes disarmed local police and forced the police chief out, saying they suspected some officers worked for Los Rojos. The vigilantes later returned the police weapons, a new chief was named and state and federal police were

sent in to take charge of security. But some residents claim the vigilantes worked for Los Ardillos. Ramon Navarrete, the head of the Guerrero state human rights commission, said 13 people had been reported missing between May 9 and mid-month, when the vigilantes withdrew. He said residents apparently waited for the vigilantes to leave before filing police reports.

"There appear to be a number that have gone unreported, because some people are afraid to file complaints ... That is something we can understand," Navarrete said. The Guerrero state prosecutor's office said in a statement later in the day that it had opened investigations after receiving seven reports of 11 people being kidnapped between May 12 and May 15. It said other families had reported

four other people as disappeared. Violence has been so bad in Chilapa that a mayoral candidate was killed there in early May and a candidate for governor was stopped by armed men in April. Ten bodies and 11 severed heads were discovered in clandestine graves in Chilapa in January, with most the bodies having their hands tied and showing signs of torture. □

Chinese PM starts South American investment tour

GABRIEL BRAD BROOKS
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — China's Premier Li Keqiang and Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff agreed on Tuesday to embark on studies for an ambitious railway linking Brazil's Atlantic coast with a Pacific port in Peru, and announced billions in other investments and trade deals. Rousseff emphasized the importance of the project to cut down the time and cost to move commodities to the Asian market. "A new path to Asia will open for Brazil," said Rousseff. "It will cross our country from east to west, and the South American continent." The memorandum of agreement to begin feasibility studies on the trans-Andean railway will also involve the Peruvian government. Rousseff invited Chinese companies to participate. The stop in Brasilia is the pre-

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mier's first on a four-nation South American tour that includes Chile, Peru and

for its commodities. "We're moving into a different era, because China's

commodity prices are going down," said Kevin Gallagher, professor of inter-

ica. "Chinese trade and investment was Latin America's best friend for a decade, and now everybody is in a panic." China remains the top trading partner for Latin America and the Caribbean, with \$112 billion of the region's exports heading to China in 2013, according to Gallagher. Li's trip began in Brazil with the signature of 35 agreements that total a \$53 billion investment in infrastructure, energy and mining among other areas over the next six years. Chinese banks will back projects of state-run oil company Petrobras for \$7 billion, a relief for the firm embroiled in a corruption scandal that has blocked access from credit markets. The kickback investigation has implicated Brazil's biggest construction and engineering firms, delaying existing petrochemical complexes and key equipment needed to tap offshore fields works. □



China's Premier Li Keqiang, left, and Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, attend a signing ceremony at the Planalto presidential palace, in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Brazil is Li's first stop on his four-nation South American tour that includes Chile, Peru and Colombia.

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Colombia. It comes as the continent feels the pinch of lessening Chinese demand

economy is transforming to being consumer based and it's slowing down, so

national relations at Boston University with expertise in China's ties to Latin Amer-

Survivors stunned by loss in Colombian town hit by flood

LUIS BENAVIDES
Associated Press

SALGAR, Colombia (AP) — Hector Raul Henao weeps as he surveys the barren landscape of mud and uprooted trees that for years was a vibrant community of small coffee farmers. Off in the distance, across the still raging La Libordiana ravine, he points to the zinc-roofed house he fled — one of just two left standing in an area devastated by

a pre-dawn mudslide the killed at least 65 people. "I lost half my life," he said Tuesday amid tears. When the earth rumbled, his 20-year-old son and two-month-old granddaughter were asleep at another house directly in the flash flood's path. Both were killed along with several neighbors, many of whose bodies he says are still trapped in the mud. "I wish I had been the one

killed but God willed it this way," said Henao, who survived along with his wife by forcing open a door against a raging current and fleeing to the jungled mountain rising directly from their home. As the small mountain town of Salgar began digging out after Monday's devastation, the tales of human tragedy multiplied. Survivors recalled being stirred from their beds by

a loud rumble and neighbors' shouts, barely having enough time to gather their loved ones. The death toll, which authorities put at 65, was likely to grow as an undetermined number of people, perhaps as many as 100, remained unaccounted for. Authorities said they were too busy searching for bodies and assisting survivors at makeshift shelters to give

a precise estimate of how many are missing. Many of the dead are believed buried in the grey moonscape along with dozens of homes, bridges and even a grade school that locals say is where former President Alvaro Uribe studied as a child growing up in his mother's hometown.

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Divi Vacation Ownership Sales Celebrates 2015 Q1 Excellence Awards!

PALM BEACH - The Divi Vacation Ownership Sales teams celebrated their Excellence Awards for the 1st Quarter of 2015 on May 13, 2015.

The festive night started off with the presentation of the winners for the different categories and continued with the presentation of the different anniversaries. Winners for the 1st Quarter of 2015 were:

--Finance Managers: Dal Time: Nickie Simmons; Phoenix: Joanne Greeley.

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The modern fine dining concept was new to Aruba, and for the first few months it was a challenging time. Thanks to Chef Urvin's unique culinary creations and his wife Mary-Anne's determination, they are now proud, but humbled, to be considered one

of Aruba's top dining establishments with glowing reviews, receiving the award for #1 modern cuisine restaurant on Aruba.

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"Review for The Kitchen Table by White: "A Michelin Star Waiting to Happen"

"Review for White Modern Cuisine: "Michelin Guide Should Give Stars to This Restaurant"" "Review for Chef Urvin Croes: "This Chef Will Be Famous!"

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Associated Press

Fight of century is now battle in court as fans sue Pacquiao

KIMBERLY PIERCEALL
Associated Press

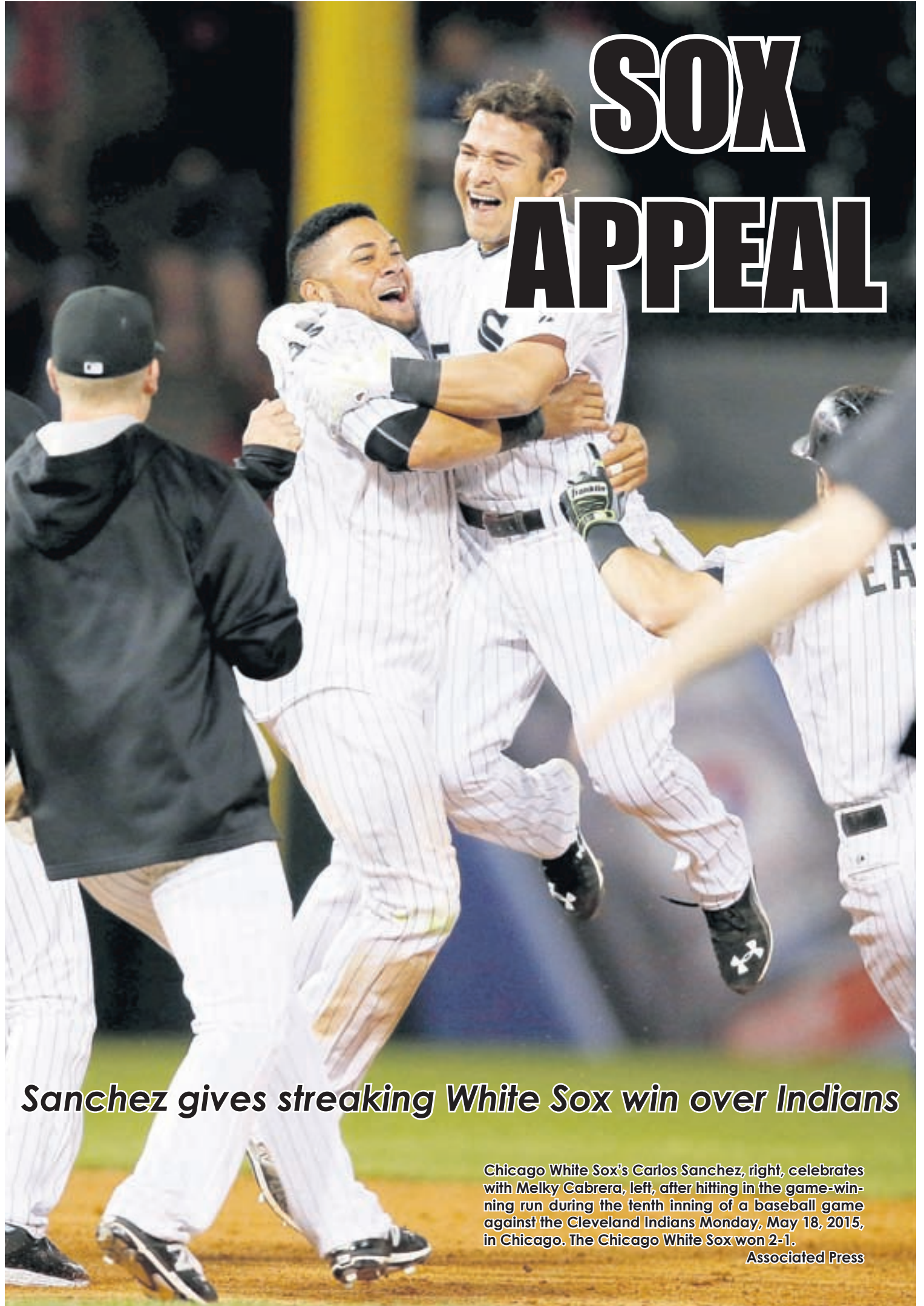
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Boxing fans across the country and their lawyers are calling the hyped-up fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. a fraud and want their money back, and then some.

At least 32 U.S. lawsuits seeking class-action status allege Pacquiao should have disclosed a shoulder injury to fans before the fight, which Mayweather won in a unanimous decision after 12 rounds that most fans thought didn't live up to the hype.

Fight of the century? More like fraud of the century, the lawsuits contend.

"The fight was not great, not entertaining, not electrifying. It was boring, slow and lackluster," according to a lawsuit filed in Texas alleging racketeering, a claim usually reserved for organized crime.

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Sanchez gives streaking White Sox win over Indians

Chicago White Sox's Carlos Sanchez, right, celebrates with Melky Cabrera, left, after hitting in the game-winning run during the tenth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians Monday, May 18, 2015, in Chicago. The Chicago White Sox won 2-1.

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Kraft: Patriots won't appeal team's fine, draft penalties

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) --

Now that Patriots owner Robert Kraft is not appealing his team's punishments in the deflated footballs scandal, only his quarterback's challenge remains. Moments after Kraft said Tuesday he won't oppose the \$1 million fine and loss of two draft choices the NFL penalized the team for its role in using underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, the players' union reasserted that Tom Brady's appeal will go forward.

Brady, the MVP of February's Super Bowl and one of the league's biggest stars, has been suspended for the first four games of the 2015 season by the NFL. So while Kraft sought to end the "dialogue and rhetoric," it's certain "Deflategate" won't disappear anytime soon.

At the owners meetings, Kraft said he was putting the league before his franchise because "at no time should the agenda of one team outweigh the collective good of the 32."

The Patriots will lose a first-round draft pick next year and a fourth-rounder in 2017.

"When the discipline came out, I felt it was way over the top," Kraft said, adding that if he had made his decision last week, "I think maybe it might have been a different one."

But after further consideration, he cited "believing in the strength of the (NFL) partnership and the 32 teams" for dropping any appeal plans.

Kraft also recognized the powers given to Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"Although I might disagree in what is decided, I do have respect for the commissioner, and believe he is doing what he perceives to be in the best interest of the 32," Kraft added.

Kraft would not take any questions Tuesday about his decision nor about Brady's appeal, which will be heard by Goodell. But he has said he's convinced Brady played no part in deflating the footballs.

Brady's appeal will be heard within the next week. On Tuesday, the union formally requested that Goodell recuse himself from serving as arbitrator, saying he is not impartial and that he is a "central witness in the appeal." An NFL spokesman said the league would have no comment.

Kraft was livid when the Wells Report, which was commissioned by the NFL and took nearly four months to compile, contained what he termed "all circumstantial, no hard evidence." He said Tuesday that "the entire process has taken too long; it's four months after the AFC championship game, and we are still talking about air



In this Jan. 10, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up the game ball after an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Foxborough, Mass. Tom Brady is expected to file an appeal of his four-game suspension for his role in deflating footballs for the AFC championship game.

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pressure ... in footballs." This is the second time in Kraft's 21 years as owner that the Patriots have been disciplined for breaking NFL rules. In 2007, they were penalized for videotaping New York Jets signals during a game. They didn't challenge fines of \$500,000 against coach Bill Belichick

and \$250,000 against the club, along with the loss of a first-round draft pick. Kraft has long been a confidant and adviser to Goodell and was one of the owners who championed Goodell to replace Paul Tagliabue in 2006. Kraft also was one of the leaders in getting key owners and the union together to end the 2011 lockout, and he's been a major force in negotiations with TV networks.

In other words, a team player, something he stressed in his short news conference Tuesday. "What I've learned over the last 21 years is the heart and soul and strength of

the NFL," he said, "is the partnership of 32 teams." Outside the Ritz-Carlton, Chase Bender, a 21-year-old senior at Cal-Berkeley who identified himself as a football fan, made his own statement. He had a pile of deflated footballs and a bag full of more, along with a Patriots helmet. Bender began sitting outside the hotel around 10 a.m. with hopes of having a word with Kraft, or at least get him to sign the helmet.

"I don't really think they cheated," he said. "If they did, just say sorry and that you know it was wrong, accept your penalty and get on with it." □



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D-backs beat Marlins in 13 to spoil Jennings' debut

MIAMI (AP) — David Peralta hit a two-out RBI double in the 13th inning as the Arizona Diamondbacks spoiled Dan Jennings' debut as manager by beating the Miami Marlins 3-2 Monday night.

Jennings gave up his job as Marlins general manager to move into the dugout and replace Mike Redmond, who was fired Sunday.

Arizona broke a four-game losing streak.

The Marlins lost their fourth in a row and seventh in eight games.

Rubby De La Rosa pitched a career-high nine innings for the Diamondbacks. Yasmany Tomas had a two-run double in the fourth for Arizona.

Addison Reed (1-2) pitched around two walks in the 12th inning. Diamondbacks rookie Enrique Burgos earned his first career save. Steve Cishek (1-4) took the loss.

Marlins rookie J.T. Realmuto hit his first major league homer in the seventh, a two-run shot that ended a 15-inning scoreless streak for Miami.

METS 2, CARDINALS 1, 14 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Pinch-hitter John Mayberry Jr. drove home the winning run with an infield single in the 14th inning, lifting New York over St. Louis after the Mets blew another slim lead for Matt Harvey.

Lucas Duda beat a shifted, drawn-in infield with an RBI single off John Lackey in the fourth, but Jason Heyward had a sacrifice fly in the ninth against closer Jeurys Familia as the Mets' bullpen squandered a 1-0 lead for Harvey in his second straight start.

It was Familia's first blown save in 14 chances — and the third consecutive time

New York gave Harvey only one run of support.

Sam Tuivailala (0-1) walked Eric Campbell and Duda to open the 14th. Mayberry came through with the bases loaded and one out against closer Trevor Rosenthal.

Carlos Torres (2-2) pitched two innings to help the NL East leaders win their third in a row after a five-game skid. The Mets were the last major league team to play extra innings this season.

The Cardinals went 0 for 11 with runners in scoring position.

Harvey matched a season high with nine strikeouts in running his scoreless innings streak to 16 and lowering his ERA to 1.98.

PHILLIES 4, ROCKIES 3

DENVER (AP) — Cole Hamels pitched efficiently into the eighth inning and Odubel Herrera broke a deadlock in the sixth with a two-run double as Philadelphia beat Colorado for its sixth straight victory.

Hamels (4-3) allowed one run and struck out seven in 7 1-3 sharp innings. Philadelphia is on its longest winning streak since a seven-game run in September 2012.

Herrera had the decisive hit when he sent a two-out fastball from Jordan Lyles (2-4) into right field to make it 3-1. Carlos Ruiz added an RBI single.

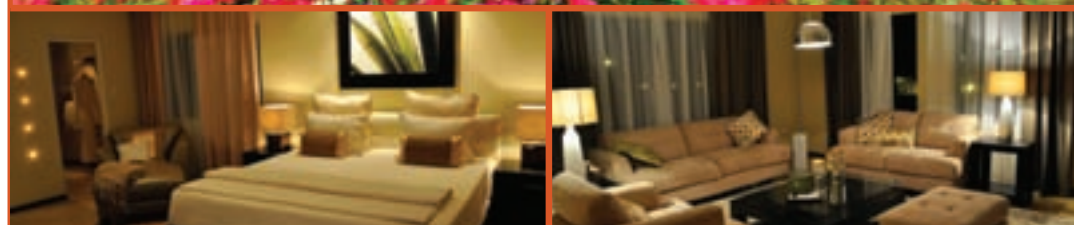
Colorado struck out 11 times, extending the club's dubious streak to six straight games with 10 or more Ks. That's a new team record. Jonathan Papelbon pitched a rocky ninth to earn his 10th save in as many chances.

In other NL games it was Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2; Arizona 3, Miami 2, 13 innings; N.Y. Mets 2, St. Louis 1, 14 innings; and Philadelphia 4, Colorado 3. □



The Miami Marlins new manager Dan Jennings stands in the dugout during the second inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Miami, Monday, May 18, 2015.

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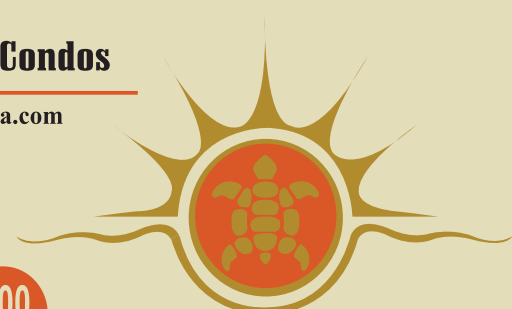


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Kluber K's 12 but ChiSox beat Tribe in 10

WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 1, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Sanchez singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning to give Chicago a victory over Cleveland after a sparkling pitchers' duel between aces Chris Sale and Corey Kluber.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, Kluber struck out 12 and allowed five hits and one run for the Indians. Kluber was making his first appearance since his outing Wednesday against St. Louis when he struck out 18 and allowed one hit in eight scoreless innings for his first victory of the season.

In that game, Kluber matched Bob Feller's team record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game, and became one of five pitchers in baseball history to strike out 18 or more without walking a batter.

Sale tossed eight innings and gave up one run on four hits while striking out seven.

Avisail Garcia drew a lead-off walk in the 10th on four pitches from Zach McAllister (0-2).

Zach Duke (2-2) worked a hitless inning for the win.

BLUE JAYS 10, ANGELS 6

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs as Toronto ended a season-worst, five-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Bautista and Russell Martin, who had a go-ahead single in the sixth inning, each finished with three hits.

Albert Pujols, David Freese

and Chris Iannetta hit solo homers for the Angels, who lost their second straight after winning the previous five.

A crowd of 29,306 watched at the Rogers Centre on

game with a home run and added a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning to lift Milwaukee over Detroit.

Gomez was hit in the left earflap by a 96 mph fast-ball from New York Mets

worked through a jam in the eighth, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his eighth save in as many chances.

Aramis Ramirez homered for the Brewers.

gave up an infield single and two walks to load the bases with no outs.

Edward Mujica (2-1) went 1 2-3 innings for the win. Evan Scribner threw two innings and Tyler Clippard pitched



Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber delivers against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning of a baseball game Monday, May 18, 2015, in Chicago.
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Victoria Day, a Canadian holiday since the mid-1800s that celebrates Queen Victoria's birthday.

Roberto Osuna (1-0) worked 1 2-3 innings for his first major league win.

Mike Morin (1-1) was the loser.

BREWERS 3, TIGERS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Back in the lineup a day after being hit in the head by a ball, Carlos Gomez led off the

game with a home run and added a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning to lift Milwaukee over Detroit.

Gomez was hit in the left earflap by a 96 mph fast-ball from New York Mets

worked through a jam in the eighth, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his eighth save in as many chances.

ATHLETICS 2, ASTROS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Brett Lawrie hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning, and the Oakland bullpen combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings as the Athletics ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over Houston.

The loss snapped the Astros' five-game winning streak. Lawrie's hit came off Will Harris. Joe Thatcher (0-1)

the ninth for his fourth save. Oakland starter Drew Pomeranz left in the fifth with left shoulder tightness. Lance McCullers of the Astros allowed one run over 4 2-3 innings in his first career start.

In other AL games it was Toronto 10, L.A. Angels 6; Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2; Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1, 10 innings; and Oakland 2, Houston 1. □

Fight of century

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A lawsuit filed on behalf of Flights Beer Bar near Los Angeles International Airport in California said Pacquiao and his promoter's actions

But the defendants differ. All include Pacquiao and his promotions team but some add Mayweather and his representatives,

people knew about the injury and when, including claims in a few of the lawsuits that Mayweather had a spy in Pacquiao's camp



This May 2, 2015 file photo shows Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, hits Manny Pacquiao, during their welterweight title fight in Las Vegas.

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were "nothing but a cash-grab." The bar paid \$2,600 to broadcast the fight. The fighters are expected to earn more than \$100 million each — Mayweather more than Pacquiao. HBO and Showtime broke records, raking in more than \$400 million from 4.4 million people who paid to watch the pay-per-view broadcast. Those viewers paid up to \$100 each, and the lawsuits want that money back. It isn't as easy as showing a receipt and demanding a refund. A federal panel of judges will likely first need to decide if the lawsuits from multiple states and Puerto Rico should be consolidated into one case. From there, a judge would have to decide whether to certify them as class action or not. What's sought in each is the same: a jury trial and at least \$5 million in damages, the threshold for federal class-action lawsuits.

along with HBO, Showtime and cable companies. Representatives for Pacquiao and Top Rank Promotions, HBO and Showtime had no comment on the lawsuits. Mayweather Promotions did not return multiple phone messages. Exhibit A for most of the lawsuits is a Nevada Athletic Commission medical questionnaire that Pacquiao signed days before the fight. When asked if he had any injuries, including to his shoulder, he replied, "no." In fact, his shoulder was injured enough to warrant surgery shortly after the fight. In a twist, Pacquiao revealed for the first time in a post-fight press conference that he had torn his rotator cuff weeks before. The Nevada Athletic Commission denied him a pain reliever mere hours before the fight, when regulators first learned of the injury. Conspiracy theories abound as to how many

and the boxer targeted Pacquiao's right shoulder during the fight. Experts in resolving legal disputes doubt disgruntled boxing fans will be able to claim victory. "They'd have more lawsuits if they didn't hold the fight," said Maureen Weston, director of Pepperdine University's entertainment, media and sports dispute-resolution project. If a fight is what fans were paying for, the boxers unquestionably delivered, she said. Just because people didn't like the show doesn't mean they get their money back, Weston said. Ultimately the question is: Who did Pacquiao have a legal duty to explain his injury to? Short answer: He didn't have to tell viewers, she said. The only contract viewers had was with their cable companies, which had contracts with HBO and Showtime.

It's not the first time customers have gone to court when things didn't go quite the way they expected in the field of entertainment. Remember Milli Vanilli? Music fans in the 1990s argued the lip-synching pop duo owed them a refund once it was revealed they weren't actually singing. Or the bite-fight with Mike Tyson? Sports fans may have gotten an earful, but they contended they didn't pay to see a boxing

match only for it to be disqualified. Neither resulted in judgments for refund-seeking customers. Milli Vanilli fans got a buck or two back in a settlement. So if viewers were promised a fight, and they got a 12-round fight, isn't that enough? Lawyer Caleb Marker, who represents clients in two separate class-action suits against Pacquiao, says that's arguable. □

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Egg Yolks

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A favorite dish of mine in a Japanese restaurant is a raw quail egg yolk on sea urchin eggs. A variable "cholesterol bomb", one of my colleagues called it a while back with a shudder. Notice that the Japanese sushi chef throws away the white of the egg. A good thing, since raw egg whites should never be consumed. Egg whites contain substances that remove vitamins from your body. Additionally, egg whites contain trypsin inhibitors, which could possibly inhibit proper digestion of protein, and growth. Cooking the egg for just a few minutes destroys these and other harmful compounds. The reason an urban myth has survived for twenty years about the dangers of eating egg yolks is because only one egg yolk contains about 213 milligrams of cholesterol. This is about the same amount as my other favorite food, olive oil that is also loaded with cholesterol. However, any clinical nutritionist will tell you that the different types of cholesterol are not the same. Olive oil, like egg yolks both have a high content of monounsaturated fatty acids and antioxidative substances. In lay terms, both of these great foods are rich in HDL, the "good" cholesterol. If you are the type that enjoys the convenience of taking your dietary supplement as a multivitamin, you should consider including soft boiled or poached

eggs in your diet. They come close to having everything a good multivitamin provides. Eggs are low in sodium and are a good source of protein, riboflavin, Vitamin B12, Pantothenic acid, phosphorus, and selenium. Additionally, there are amino acids, the building blocks that construct your body's protein and a great source of lecithin. In fact, the word "lecithin," comes from the Greek word "lekithos" meaning "egg yolk". Other foods that contain lecithin include: butter, peanuts and peanut butter, potatoes, cauliflower, tomatoes, banana, milk, oranges, lentils, oats, barley, corn, sesame seeds, flax seeds, whole wheat and human breast milk. Notice I said, butter, not margarine. Margarine may contain up to 45 percent of artificially created unhealthy trans-fats. No more fattening than margarine, butter has been in the diet for thousands of years so you know we are digesting it. Besides lecithin, butter is a rich source of easily absorbed vitamin A, E, K, D and selenium, a powerful antioxidant. With all the people afraid to eat egg yolks, the richest source of choline found in modern diets comes not from a food, but from an additive called lecithin. Lecithin is most often added to foods as an emulsifier which helps keeps food blended. As a dietary supplement, I consider lecithin

supplementation to be essential for everyone. In our clinic I see patient's daily suffering from fatigue, insomnia, kidney and bladder problems, high cholesterol levels, nerve-muscle problems, including cardiovascular disease, infertility, liver and gallbladder problems, anemia, and high blood pressure. The impact of choline deficiency may be to rob the body of its nervous system messaging molecule, acetylcholine, which cannot be made without choline. Lecithin in your body keeps your cell membranes, the gates through which nutrients enter and wastes leave your cells, functioning properly; allows your nerves to communicate with your muscles; and prevent the build-up of homocysteine in your blood. Homocysteine is a harmful compound that is associated with cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis. Since lecithin has fat-modifying effects, lecithin helps prevent fatty build-up in the liver. An important component of lecithin is choline. In the late 1930s scientists discovered that tissue from the pancreas contained a substance that could help prevent fatty build-up in the liver. This substance was named choline after the Greek word "chole", which means bile. Since the 1930s, research has shown that choline is in fact, a component of every human cell. Bile, which is made in our liver, helps fat become compatible with water, so that fat-based substances can get transported around the body in the water-based

world of our blood. Here is where lecithin can help control blood cholesterol levels. Because of its role in nerve-muscle function, lecithin has been used to help improve neuromuscular function in Alzheimer's disease and plays a critical role in memory functions and learning difficulties. Lecithin supplementation is very important to babies, even while still in the womb. Dietary deficiency of lecithin can provoke respiratory distress in newborns, and a newborn's failure to thrive. In very young babies a continuing deficiency can produce impaired growth, and abnormalities in bone formation. The exciting news is that providing lecithin to pregnant and nursing women has positive results on the brain of her newborn child. Medical data on lecithin suggests that simply supplementing the diets of pregnant women with this one nutrient could affect their children's lifelong learning and memory. It seems lecithin can boost cognitive function, diminish age-related memory decline, and reduce the brain's vulnerability to toxic substances. Eggs are nutritious. They're nutrient dense which means that eggs provide a good proportion of needed nutrients for the calories they provide. Eating nutrient-dense foods is particularly important for children as well as older adults because their energy needs are less but their nutrient needs are still high. Nutrient density is also important for anyone of any age who is trying to lose weight. One of

the reasons for eating eggs is for the lecithin and supplementing your diet with a quality lecithin supplement give us a healthy boost. Get The Point! Eggs do not increase heart disease risk in most people. A Harvard School of Public Health study found that healthy adults were able to eat an egg a day without increasing their risk of heart disease or stroke. Want a healthier liver and brain or to improve the learning ability of your child? Come in so we can tailor a health program to your specific needs. CARLOS VIANA, Ph. D. is an Oriental Medical Doctor (O.M.D.) having studied in China; a US Board Cert. Clinical Nutritionist (C.C.N.), an Addiction Professional (C.Ad.), Chairperson of the Latin American Committee of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT), a Rejuvenating Cell Therapist specializing in Age Management, has a weekly radio program, writes and lectures extensively. For information: VIANA HEALING CENTER, Kibaima 7, St Cruz TEL: 585-1270 Web Site: www.vianaheal.com "Prescriptions from Paradise" - Dr. Viana's Award Winning BOOK: Prescriptions from Paradise, Introduction to Biocompatible Medicine - Available at local Bookstores, Hotel Gift shops and Boticas. Signed copies at Viana Healing Center, EBooks: Amazon kindle, Nook, iTunes check for Events at: facebook.com/vianahealingcenter. Join the discussion: www.facebook.com/prescriptionsfromparadise □

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Not Your Ma's Bell: AT&T evolves beyond phones

By **ANICK JESDANUN**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- The company whose name has long been synonymous with telephones is looking for new ways to reach out and touch someone.

AT&T, which had a popular "Reach Out and Touch Someone" slogan in the 1980s, now wants to be on your TV, car and even trashcan.

AT&T Inc. is spending \$48.5 billion to buy satellite TV provider DirecTV as it looks for new ways to package access - wireless and wired - with traditional and online video.

It's also revamping its stores to showcase other services, including the ability to unlock your home's front doors through an app to let in contractors. It's equipping cars with data connections for diagnostic, roadside assistance and entertainment systems. It's even putting data sensors into inanimate objects such as parking meters and water pipes to build smarter cities.

And last year, the company adopted "Mobilizing Your World" as its slogan to reflect a desire to be part of your entire life, not just on phones.

"We don't view ourselves as a phone company anymore," said Ralph de la Vega, the company's longtime mobile chief who took on greater responsibilities beyond phones after a company reorganization.

Driving the transformation is a slowdown in the U.S. phone business, given that most Americans already have cellphones. And although people have been using their cellphones more heavily, especially to watch video, that hasn't translated into a corre-

sponding increase in revenue, largely because of price competition.

All phone companies have been looking beyond phones for growth, but none of them has been as aggressive as AT&T, the second-largest U.S. wireless carrier. No. 1 carrier Verizon announced a \$4.4 billion bid last week to buy AOL for its advertising and video services, but AT&T's

focus."

AT&T's transition has been years in the making as wireless supplanted land-line phones. But the move beyond phones - wireless or otherwise - is accelerating with the impending DirecTV purchase and a growth in car models with connectivity built in.

Of course, the phone isn't going away. AT&T typically gets more monthly

AT&T wants to add wireless to packages now made of TV, Internet and wired phone lines. And it wants to distribute video content to more places, including phones and the backseats of cars.

"We believe that going forward, when people start making decisions around mobile services, it's going to be around what I can do with those services. Can

tors, Ford and BMW, and expects to be the data-service provider for half of the new wireless-connected passenger vehicles this year.

While AT&T sells data connections to car manufacturers - in some cases, to resell to drivers as part of OnStar and the like - AT&T is also targeting consumers directly with the promise of backseat entertainment and other benefits. (It hasn't said how many have subscribed, though the business appears small for now.)

- With AT&T's Digital Life home-automation and security services, people can unlock doors, turn off lights and check security cameras remotely through an app.

- And AT&T is making a big push for business and government customers. After selling them wireless and wired phone connections, it's selling them new ways to use those connections, such as vehicle tracking and mobile timecards for payroll.

But why stop at employees? AT&T is also selling new types of wireless connections for water pipes to warn of leaks and garbage cans to say when they are full. AT&T might get a cut of any savings when garbage trucks don't have to drive to nearly empty cans.

AT&T is also developing systems that analyze traffic patterns, so traffic can be rerouted before congestion forms. A car skidding on a patch of ice might even warn other vehicles behind it, without any human intervention.

Some of these projects are in research labs, while others have real customers in trials and smaller deployments. □



In this Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 file photo, AT&T's "Mobilizing Your World" slogan appears on a digital display outside an AT&T store, in New York's Times Square. Associated Press

DirecTV bid is 11 times that amount. The deal, which AT&T hopes to complete within weeks, would make AT&T the leading traditional TV provider in the U.S., surpassing Comcast, and push AT&T farther into Latin America, where DirecTV is strong.

"As the U.S. industry has gotten more competitive, they've made some steps to diversify," said Jon Atkin, an analyst with RBC Capital Markets. "Verizon has a little bit less product diversity, and certainly less geographic diversity - if you want to call it, greater

revenue for smartphone service (up to \$40) than a tablet, wristwatch or car connection (\$10 each). These emerging businesses represent ways to get that same phone customer to pay more:

- With DirecTV, AT&T will be able to package video in new ways. AT&T already provides traditional TV services to 6 million households in 21 states through fixed-wire lines. DirecTV would add more than 20 million households nationwide, and the combined 26 million would exceed Comcast's 22 million for TV.

I watch video that's important when I'm on the go or wherever I am?" said John Stankey, AT&T's chief strategy officer.

- Cars, meanwhile, contributed to more than half of the 1.2 million wireless service connections that AT&T added in the first quarter. These are primarily car manufacturers needing data connections for diagnostic systems and consumer-facing services such as OnStar navigation and roadside assistance. AT&T has partnerships with eight car manufacturers, including General Mo-

Wal-Mart 1Q Stores Inc. profit falls in Q1 on pay raises

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NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported a 7 percent drop in first-quarter profit as the strong dollar and some efforts to improve its business hurt its bottom line.

The company said Tuesday that higher worker wages and increased spending on its online operations were among the reasons its results missed Wall Street estimates. On the news, in-

vestors sent the company's shares down more 4 percent.

Greg Foran, who had been president and CEO of Wal-Mart Asia and took over Wal-Mart's U.S. business last summer, asked for investor patience.

"We're not interested in reaching our goals, but reaching them in a way which is sustainable for the long term," Foran said in a pre-recorded call. "This requires a steady execution,

a pace that is fast but calculated, and one that allows us to get it right."

Wal-Mart's results adds to questions about the health of consumer spending. The latest government retail sales figures showed spending was flat in April, and Macy's, Kohl's and J.C. Penney announced disappointing results despite low gas prices and improvements in the job market.

Because of its size and reach, Wal-Mart is a barom-

eter of consumer spending. The company, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, had a 1.1 percent increase for sales at U.S. Wal-Mart stores open at least a year.

It was its third consecutive quarter of increases, but the growth was slightly below analysts' expectations. The company is facing challenges, including that its low-income shoppers are struggling: Wal-Mart pointed out that its custom-

ers are either pocketing tax refunds and their savings from lower gas prices or using the extra money to pay down debt or bills like utilities.

The company also is dealing with competition from the likes of online king Amazon.com, dollar stores and grocers.

It's also dealing with a shift among shoppers seeking the convenience of small stores or buying on their mobile devices and PCs. □

Wall Street drifts away from latest record highs

MATTHEW CRAFT

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market slipped back from its latest record high in a listless day of trading Tuesday. Oil companies and drillers tugged major indexes down as the price of crude oil dropped for a fifth day straight.

Wal-Mart Stores fell after reporting weak sales and a drop in quarterly earnings, a result of raises for workers and a rising dollar squeezing its profits. Wal-Mart's stock sank \$3.49, or 4 percent, to \$76.43.

Major indexes headed lower at the opening of trading, wavered between tiny gains and losses throughout the morning then spent much of the afternoon sitting still. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has gained 2 percent this month, setting record highs along the way. "But it hasn't felt like it," said Hank Smith, chief investment officer at

Haverford Trust. "The market pulls back slightly one day, then moves ahead. It has been a grind."

The S&P 500 lost 1.37 points, a sliver of a percent, to 2,127.83. The Nasdaq composite dipped 8.41 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,070.03. The Dow Jones industrial average managed a slight gain, edging up 13.51 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,312.39. That marked the fourth straight daily gain for the Dow. The government reported that builders started work on new houses at the fastest pace in seven years. Housing starts jumped 20.2 percent to an annual rate of 1.14 million homes, the fastest clip since November 2007.

The news helped lift shares in D.R. Horton, PulteGroup and other builders. "The housing market comes back in the spring, is what realtors always say, and boy is this true today," said Christopher Rupkey, chief



Specialist Patrick King, right, work with traders at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market slipped back from its latest record high in a listless day of trading Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

financial economist at MUFG Union Bank, in a note to clients.

In other trading, Take-Two Interactive, the company behind the "Grand Theft Auto" video games, surged 18 percent after posting earnings that trounced analysts' estimates. The com-

pany's stock jumped \$4.42 to \$28.62.

Major indexes in Europe closed with solid gains. Germany's DAX surged 2.2 percent, while France's CAC 40 picked up 2.1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.4 percent.

The rally in Europe came

after an official with the European Central Bank said that it would step up its bond-buying program in May and June to avoid slow trading in the summer months. The ECB's effort tends to support stock and bond markets while weakening the euro. □

Home Depot nails it in 1Q as housing rebound emerges

MICHELLE CHAPMAN

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A busy spring pushed Home Depot's first-quarter profit and revenue above Wall Street expectations and the home improvement retailer raised its projections for both in 2015.

Sales at U.S. stores open at least a year was also better than most had expected, rising 7.1 percent.

Many retailers have been

struggling, but that is not the case at companies that cater to home owners. Both Lowe's and Home Depot have seen comparable-store sales in the U.S. rise for three consecutive quarters now.

And on Tuesday, the U.S. released housing data that backed up economist predictions of a housing market that may be about to take off. According to the Commerce Department,

housing starts last month increased to a pace that has not been seen since the start of the recession.

That activity is playing out increasingly in the aisles of Home Depot.

"We had a stronger than expected start to the year as we experienced a more normal spring across much of the country and continued recovery of the U.S. housing market," said Chairman and CEO Craig

Menear.

Home Depot earned \$1.58 billion, or \$1.21 per share, for the three months ended May 3. That compares with \$1.38 billion, or \$1 per share, a year earlier.

Earnings, adjusted for pre-tax gains came to \$1.16 per share, a penny better than analysts had expected, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue climbed to \$20.89

billion from \$19.69 billion, also edging out expectations.

The Home Depot Inc. now sees 2015 earnings rising about 11 percent to 12 percent, to \$5.24 to \$5.27 per share.

That tops Wall Street per-share earnings projections of \$5.23, according to FactSet.

Revenue is expected to climb approximately 4.2 percent to 4.8 percent. □

Fraternity of Failure



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Jeb Bush wants to stop talking about past controversies. And you can see why. He has a lot to stop talking about. But let's not honor his wish. You can learn a lot by studying recent history, and you can learn even more by watching how politicians respond to that history. The big "Let's move on" story of the past few days involved Bush's response when asked in an interview whether, knowing what he knows now, he would have supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq. He answered that yes, he would. No WMD? No stability after all the lives and money expended? No problem.

Then he tried to walk it back. He "interpreted the question wrong," and isn't interested in engaging "hypotheticals." Anyway, "going back in time" is a "disservice" to those who served in the war.

Take a moment to savor the cowardice and vileness of that last remark. And, no, that's not hyperbole. Bush is trying to hide behind the troops, pretending that any criticism of political leaders - especially, of course, his brother, the commander in chief - is an attack on the courage and patriotism of those who paid the price for their superiors' mistakes. That's sinking very low, and it tells us a lot more about the candidate's character than any number of up-close-and-personal interviews.

Wait, there's more: Incredibly, Bush resorted to the old passive-voice dodge, admitting only that "mistakes were made." Indeed. By whom? Well, earlier this year Bush released a list of his chief advisers on foreign policy, and it was a who's-who of mistake-makers, people who played essential roles in the Iraq disaster and other debacles.

Seriously, consider that list, which includes such luminaries as Paul Wolfowitz, who insisted that we would be welcomed as liberators and that the war would cost almost nothing, and Michael Chertoff, who as director of the Department of Homeland Security during Hurricane Katrina was unaware of the thousands of people stranded at the New Orleans convention center without food and water.

In Bushworld, in other words, playing a central role in catastrophic policy failure doesn't disqualify you from future influence. If anything, a record of

being disastrously wrong on national security issues seems to be a required credential.

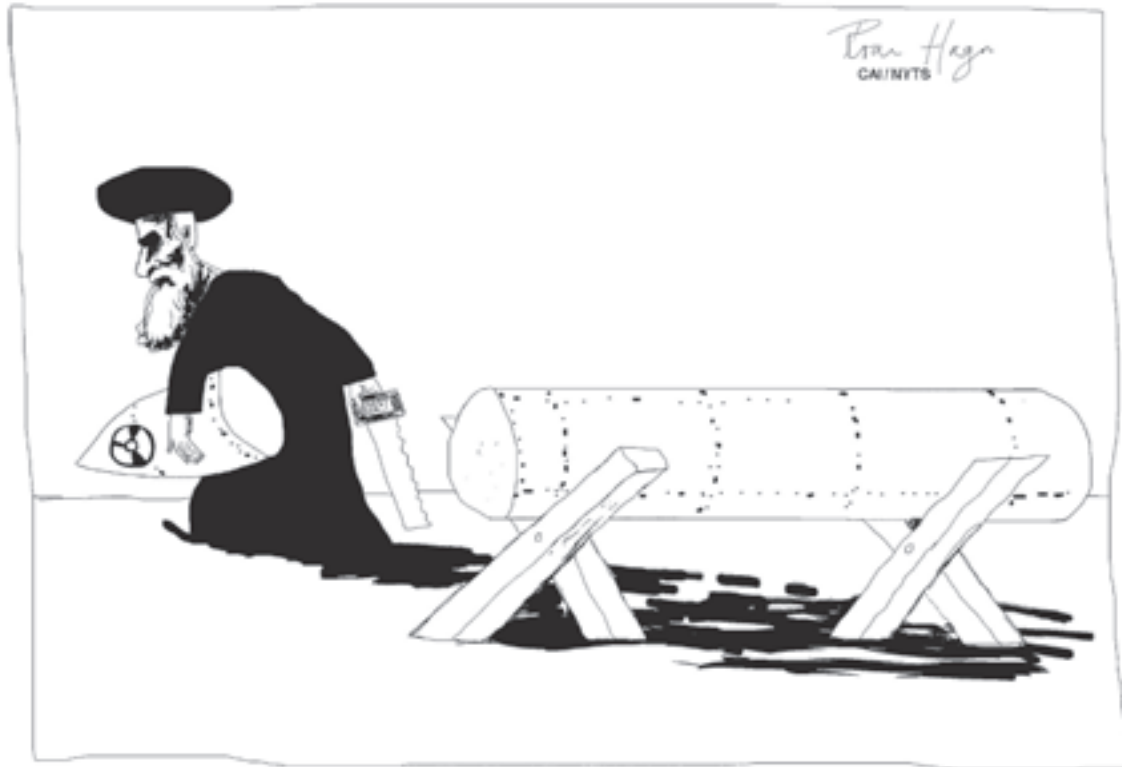
Voters, even Republican primary voters, may not share that view, and the past few days have probably taken a toll on Bush's presidential prospects. In a way, however, that's unfair. Iraq is a special problem for the Bush family, which has a history both of never admitting mistakes and of sticking with loyal family retainers no matter how badly they perform. But refusal to learn from experience, combined with a version of political correctness in which you're only acceptable if you have been wrong about crucial issues, is pervasive in the modern Republican Party.

Take my usual focus, economic policy. If you look at the list of economists who appear to have significant influence on Republican leaders, including the likely presidential candidates, you find that nearly all of them agreed, back during the "Bush boom," that there was no housing bubble and the American economic future was bright; that nearly all of them predicted that the Federal Reserve's efforts to fight the economic crisis that developed when that nonexistent bubble popped would lead to severe inflation; and that nearly all of them predicted that Obamacare, which went fully into effect in 2014, would be a huge job-killer.

Given how badly these predictions turned out - we had the biggest housing bust in history, inflation paranoia has been wrong for six years and counting, and 2014 delivered the best job growth since 1999 - you might think that there would be some room in the GOP for economists who didn't get everything wrong. But there isn't. Having been completely wrong about the economy, like having been completely wrong about Iraq, seems to be a required credential.

What's going on here? My best explanation is that we're witnessing the effects of extreme tribalism. On the modern right, everything is a political litmus test. Anyone who tried to think through the pros and cons of the Iraq War was, by definition, an enemy of President George W. Bush and probably hated America; anyone who questioned whether the Federal Reserve was really debasing the currency was surely an enemy of capitalism and freedom.

It doesn't matter that the skeptics have been proved right. Simply raising questions about the orthodoxies of the moment leads to excommunication, from which there is no coming back. So the only "experts" left standing are those who made all the approved mistakes. It's kind of a fraternity of failure: men and women united by a shared history of getting everything wrong, and refusing to admit it. Will they get the chance to add more chapters to their reign of error? □



The Greatest Generation of Scientists



JOE NOCERA
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A great man died late last month, one of the last of the pioneering biologists who essentially created the modern science of molecular biology. His name was Alexander Rich; he was 90 years old; and he had spent the past 57 years as a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was still going to work right up until the last two months of his life.

In her obituary of Rich in The Times last week, Denise Gellene recounted some of his scientific achievements: In 1973, some 20 years after James Watson and Francis Crick worked out the structure of DNA - theoretically at least - Rich proved them right, using "X-rays to produce a distinct image of the famous double helix." He then went on to make important discoveries about the structure of ribonucleic acid, or RNA, and the way RNA translated genetic information in DNA. His work on RNA and DNA is one of the foundations of biotechnology and the biotech industry.

Rich was a scientist with a wide-ranging curiosity. In a video that was put together when he won an important award in 2008, Rich talked about "the excitement associated with a discovery. You see something new," he said. "When somebody else makes a discovery and I read about it, I get that

same boost of awe and wonder about nature."

In his lifetime, he met Albert Einstein, worked under Linus Pauling and knew everyone from Crick and Watson to the great physicists Leo Szilard and Richard Feynman. Rich co-founded several companies. He mentored scientists who would go on to make their own important discoveries. He helped establish Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science, which is today one of that country's leading scientific institutions. He was a member of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, whose founding mission was to eliminate nuclear weapons.

"Alex lived a rich and important life," wrote Phillip Sharp, a scientist at MIT who was close to him.

That he did.

But as I looked into his life this week, three things struck me, all of which could be said not only of Rich but of most members of that remarkable generation.

The first was how maddeningly difficult - and painstaking - it was to create the building blocks of molecular biology. In the early 1950s, recalled Jack Strominger, a scientist at Harvard who was Rich's roommate in college, the federal government did not hand out grants to scientists the way it does today; so just getting the money to do science was hard.

"You walk into a lab today and you see the rows of equipment," Strominger said.

Equipment was much harder to come by, and not as precise.

"As late as the 1980s," he said, "X-ray crystallography was a difficult field. Now a young person can do it quickly."

It took many years - of trial and error - before Rich proved, through X-ray crystallography, that the Crick and Watson double helix structure was correct. "Persistence is luck," Rich was known to say.

That certainly was true of his generation of biologists.

The second insight was how collaborative the scientists were. One good example was something called the RNA Tie Club, of which Rich was a member. Founded by the physicist George Gamow, it was a collaborative effort to figure out the structure of RNA. (Each member was given a tie with a green-and-yellow RNA helix; hence the name of the group.) Although the members met infrequently, they circulated papers among each other and talked freely about their ideas, not fearing that their ideas would be stolen or misused.

That kind of collaboration is something that has been largely lost in the scientific world.

"Everything is so much more competitive now," Strominger said.

Scientists today are more likely to look for niches they can dominate. They compete to get their discoveries published ahead of rivals. Or to start a biotech company and make millions.

"It would be pretty hard to capture the flavor of that period again," Strominger said.

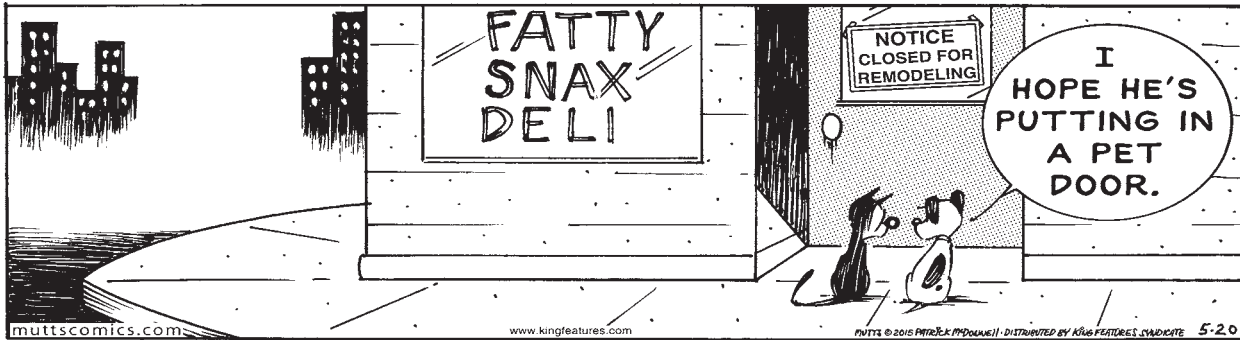
Finally, one gets the sense - and this is especially true of Rich - that they didn't get into science to get rich or become famous. They loved science for its own sake. Rich would call other scientists, often in the evening, just to talk shop.

"I never saw Alex bad-mouth another scientist, even when he had reason to," said Robert Gallo, the director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. "I don't know anybody who was more interested in science for its own sake than that man. He lived it and loved it."

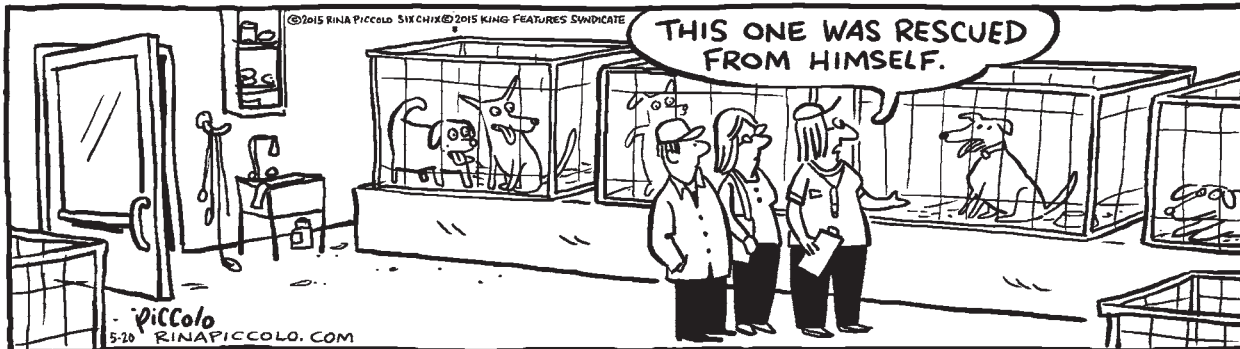
In the course of talking to Strominger, I discovered that, at 89, he is also still going to work every day. Why didn't scientists like him and Rich retire? I asked.

"Why should we?" he replied. "It's too much fun." □

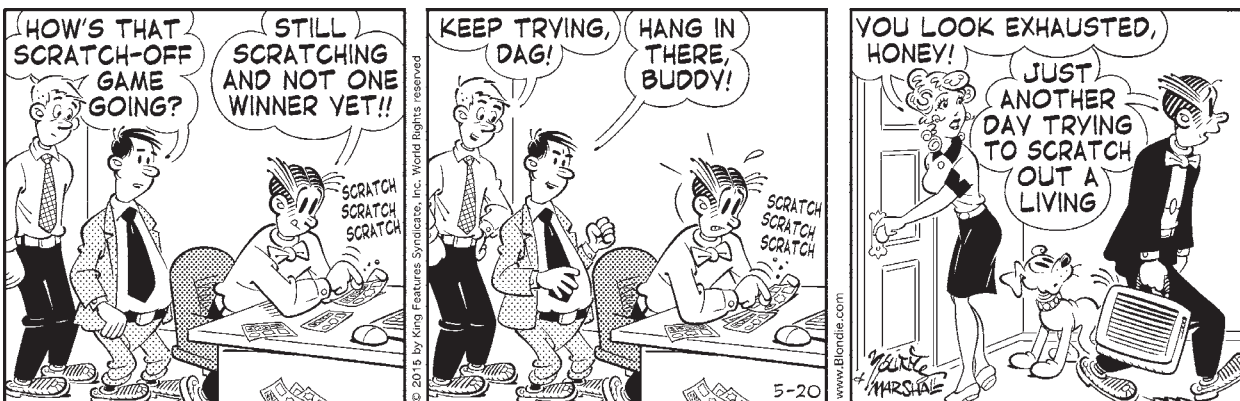
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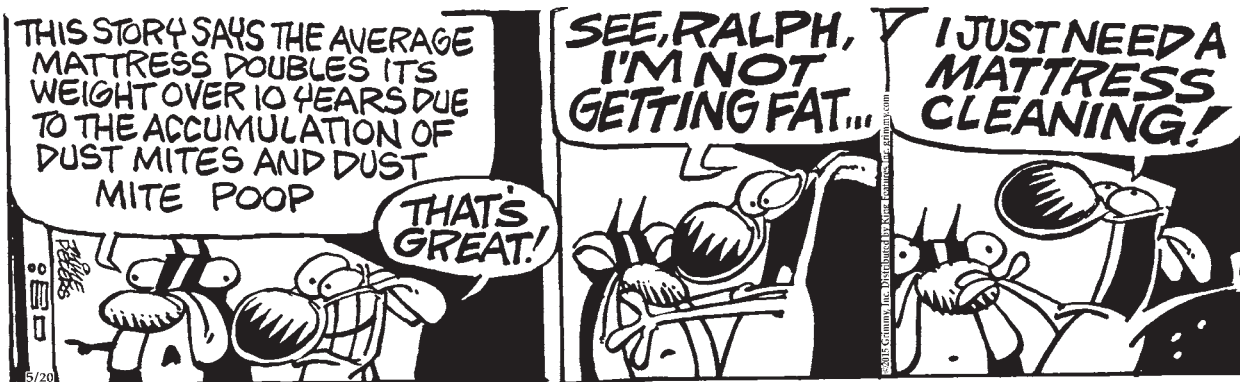
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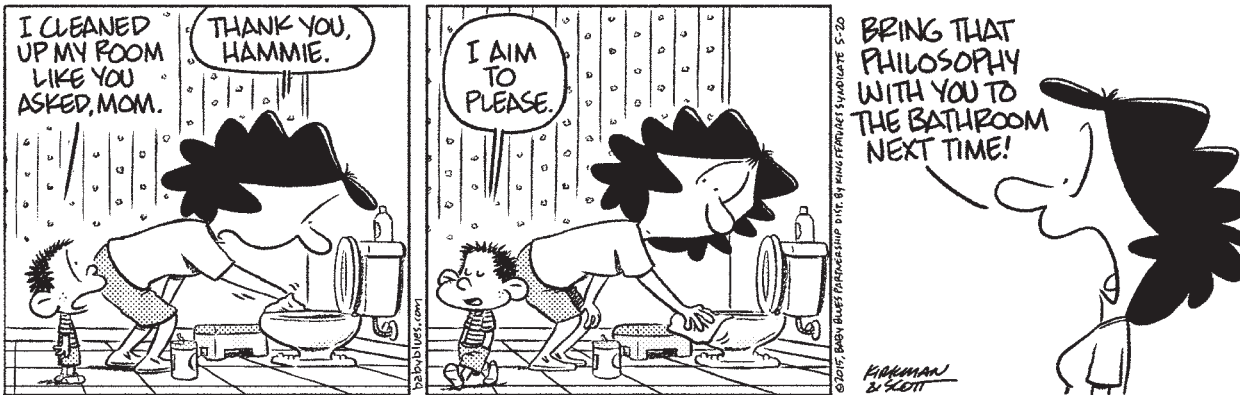
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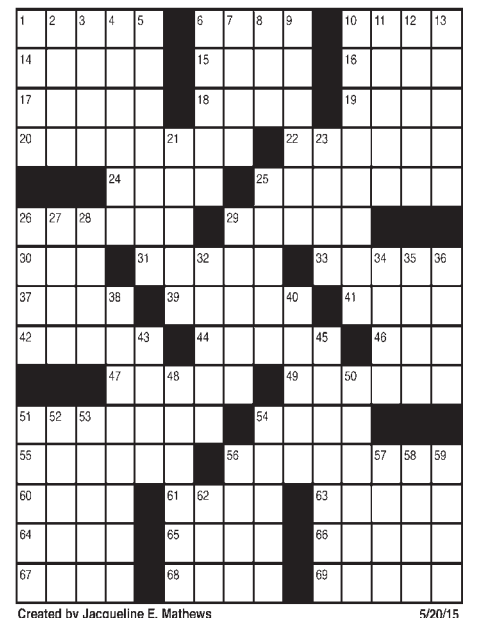
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 1 As _ as a tack
6 Dick and Jane's dog
10 Alerts for cops: abbr.
14 Smarter
15 Comic actress Imogene _
16 Calcutta robe
17 Old saying
18 Word with fine or liberal
19 Close-fitting
20 Truly sorry
22 Oration
24 Home of twigs
25 Childhood viral infection
26 Responses to corny jokes
29 Voting place
30 Very long time
31 Evans and Robertson
33 _ T; early Ford
37 Flying insect
39 Rustic sort
41 _ about; tout
42 Bar seat
44 Amounts to be swallowed
46 Light brown
47 Windowsill, e.g.
49 _ to; affirm the truth of
51 Afternoon show
54 Stench
55 Chairman's schedule
56 In _; uncertain of the outcome
60 Lois _; Clark Kent's love
61 Weather word
63 Small flies
64 Even scores
65 Powder, for short
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67 Colony insects
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3 As wise _ owl
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9 Graduation cap feature
10 Home price evaluator
11 _ discussion; seminar
12 Willis or Lee
13 Exhales audibly
21 School writing assignment
23 Hand part
25 Grandma _; American artist
26 Jewels
27 Cheer
28 Hold _; keep
29 Tea variety
32 Get stuck solution
34 Go out with
35 Gabor & others
36 Period before Easter
38 Sanctity
40 Goes first
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51 Island nation near Sicily
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Colombia

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President Juan Manuel Santos, who traveled to the town to oversee relief efforts, said several children lost their parents and the bodies of those killed needed to be transported to Medellin, a three-hour drive, for identification. He vowed to rebuild the lost homes and provide shelter and assistance for the estimated 500 people affected by the calamity. "Nobody can bring back the dead ... but we have to handle this disaster as best we can to move forward," Santos said. Soldiers handed out food and blankets to the homeless on Tuesday as civil defense authorities armed with little more than shovels probed the shaky ground to look for bodies. Farmers like Henao were ordered to refrain from returning to their homes because of a risk of more landslides. Sergio Fajardo, governor of Antioquia province, said that several cadavers had been deformed and dismembered, complicating the process of identification. The force of the flood had carried one body some 60 miles (100 kilometers) downriver, he said. Authorities asked heartbroken Colombians to refrain from sending physical donations and instead contribute to a fund to help families rebuild. □

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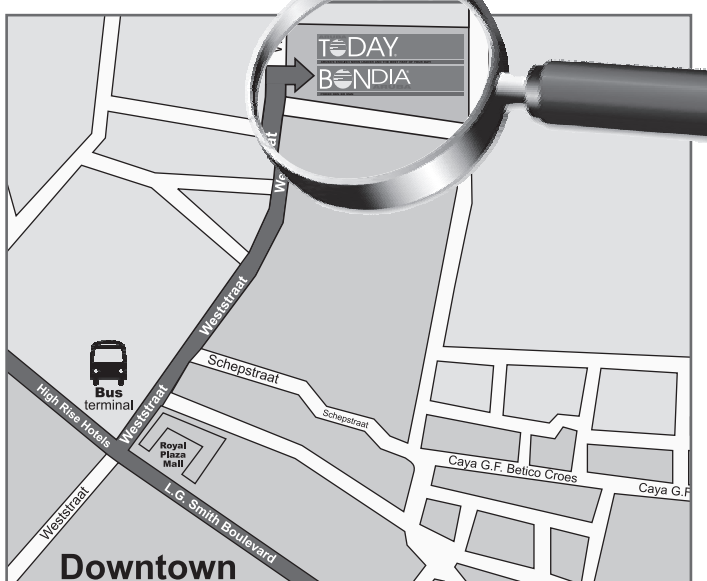
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Future for warming US: More extreme heat

SETH BORENSTEIN
 AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The combination of global warming and shifting population means that by mid-century, there will be a huge increase in the number of Americans sweating through days that are extremely hot, a new study says.

People are migrating into areas — especially in the Southeast — where the heat is likely to increase more, said the authors of a study published Monday by the journal *Nature Climate Change*. The study highlighted the Houston-Dallas-San Antonio and Atlanta-Charlotte-Raleigh corridors as the places where the double whammy looks to be the biggest.

"It's not just the climate that is changing in the future," said study co-author Linda Mearns, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. "It is many things: how many people and where people are that affects their exposure to climate changes."



In this July 6, 2010 file photo, a construction worker is backlit from the morning sun while working on a roof in the heat in Chapel Hill, N.C. as temperatures inched into at least the 90s from Maine to Texas and into the Southwest and Death Valley, the mid-Atlantic is embarking on a string of intensely hot days, with temperatures in some places closing in on 100-plus degrees.

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In a unique study looking at the interplay of projected changes in climate and population, scientists tried to characterize the number of people who will feel temperatures of 95 degrees (35 Celsius) or higher and how often they will feel it. They

used a figure called person days for the extreme heat to reflect both the length of time heat waves continued and how many people felt it by multiplying people affected by how many days they felt the heat.

Between 1970 and 2000,

the U.S. averaged about 2.3 billion person days of extreme heat each year. But between 2040 and 2070 that number will be between 10 and 14 billion person days a year, according to the study.

The scientists used 11 differ-

ent climate models based on current trends of heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions and matched those with demographic trends. Both the increased heat and population shifts had about equal effects but together they made matters even worse, said lead author Bryan Jones, a population geographer at the City University of New York. The question is, will be people adapt by changing their lifestyle, such as staying indoors and using more air conditioning, or will they move to cooler climates. Jones said it is unlikely that people will move to cooler areas to escape the heat, saying historically people tend to move away from colder areas and into warmer areas like Florida, Arizona and North Carolina.

Several outside scientists praised the study. University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd said the problem is likely even worse when you take into consideration the fact that cities get hotter than rural areas. □

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Law journal publishes special issue examining 'Breaking Bad'

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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) —

A University of New Mexico School of Law student journal has published a special issue analyzing legal issues related to the story line of AMC's "Breaking Bad" — and what might have happened if the real-life legal system was imposed on the fictional characters.

An edition of the New Mexico Law Review released this week looks at the war on drugs, the hypothetical arrest of Walter White and questionable practices of defense lawyer Saul Goodman from the television series that generated an international cult following.

Editor Matthew Zidovsky said students wanted to use the fictional show to discuss serious legal issues like the Fourth Amendment and professional

lawyer ethics — all features that were central to the series.

"The whole point of the issue is to create a legal dialogue in New Mexico," Zidovsky said. "Because we know the show so well, it's easy to break down the legal questions that come up."

"Breaking Bad" follows former high school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul.

Bob Odenkirk plays sleazy attorney Saul Goodman, who defends drug lords, criminals and those allegedly injured in minor traffic accidents.

Zidovsky said when he watched the show as a law student, he and other students spotted a number of legal problems, from the way Drug Enforcement Administration



In this July 26, 2013 file photo, Bryan Cranston, left, and Aaron Paul, cast members in "Breaking Bad," take part in a panel discussion during AMC's Summer 2013 TCA press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

agents violate constitutional laws during investigations to the unethical lawyering by Saul, who launders money for drug kingpins.

"He was so over the top," Zidovsky said. "Anything he would do was beyond what is allowed as a professional lawyer."

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Among the articles in the review is a piece by Western State College of Law professor Elizabeth Jones who compares the questionable police tactics by officers in "Breaking Bad" to the U.S. Justice Department's harsh report into Albuquerque police over excessive force.

Another piece by Utah State University political science professor Greg Goetzhauser looks at the potential prosecution of Walter White to examine how states with no death penalty may affect federal death penalty cases. New Mexico, where "Breaking Bad" is set, does not have the death penalty any longer.

Zidovsky said that article is timely because it comes a week after a federal jury in Boston determined that convicted Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should get the death penalty in the 2013 attack. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when Tsarnaev and his brother placed two pressure-cooker bombs near the marathon finish line.

Massachusetts abolished its state death penalty in 1984. □

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Thursday's Red Nose Day TV special: Comedy for a good cause

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NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty years ago, Richard Curtis suspected two things: People like to laugh and they like to do good.

Red Nose Day has annually proved him right in the United Kingdom, where more than \$1 billion has been raised to fight childhood poverty.

Now Curtis is bringing Red Nose Day to the United States with a star-studded three-hour TV event airing Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT on NBC. He promises it will be funny and entertaining while giving viewers the opportunity to pitch in to help kids in the U.S. and around the globe.

When he's not organizing Red Nose Day in the U.K. or prepping its American invasion, Curtis is a celebrated writer-director. His films include "Four Weddings

and a Funeral," "Notting Hill" and "Bridget Jones's Diary."

"I have two careers, at the same time," he says during a chat Monday morning at Manhattan's Hammerstein Ballroom, where the live portion of Thursday's telecast will originate.

This show will be "very, very, very different" from the typical fundraising telethon, he says.

Roughly one-half will be pre-recorded sketches and other comedy pieces, allowing for slick production techniques and involvement by a wider range of stars than would be possible on show night. Curtis mentions one intriguing spoof: a mockumentary of the rock group Coldplay as it creates a musical version of "Game of Thrones," with original songs by Coldplay frontman Chris Martin performed by the group



In this May 11, 2015 file photo, Nick Cannon arrives at the NBC Network 2015 Programming Upfront presentation at Radio City Music Hall in New York.
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and participation by a dozen "Game of Thrones" cast members.

Other pre-recorded bits include such names as Julia Roberts, Liam Neeson, Richard Gere and Jodie Foster.

There will also be live comedy and music in front of

an audience at the Hammerstein.

Those scheduled to appear in one fashion or another include Reese Witherspoon, Benedict Cumberbatch, Emily Blunt, Martin Short, Ian McKellen, Paul Rudd, Neil Patrick Harris, Hugh Bonneville, Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Jack Black, Helen Mirren, Nick Offerman, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, John Legend, Keith Urban, John Mellencamp, One Direction and "Voice" coaches Adam Levine, Blake Shelton, Christina Aguilera and Pharrell Williams.

The hope, of course, is that Red Nose Day will become an annual event for NBC and for U.S. viewers, just as it has long been a tradition for the BBC and Brits.

NBC's embrace of Red Nose Day is largely explained by the presence of Paul Telegdy, NBC's president of alternative and late night programming. Telegdy, who previously worked at the BBC, was well aware of the reach and impact of Red Nose Day.

In his current position, he believed NBCUniversal was a natural home for producing and promoting Red

Nose Day on U.S. shores.

"We thought, wouldn't it be great if we could harness our workforce and its relationships with advertising clients and talent," he said recently — "and not in a way that responds to any specific cry for help, but for raising children out of poverty. And do it on an annual basis."

The money raised this first year will go to the Red Nose Day Fund for distribution to charity partners including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the National Urban League, Save the Children and United Way, as well as other agencies such as charity: water (a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations) and Oxfam America (a global organization that fights poverty and hunger).

Supplementing Thursday's broadcast are several ancillary fundraising efforts. Five million Red Noses have been purchased by customers of participating retailers. "Today Show" host Matt Lauer set off on a 230-mile bike ride from Boston to New York to spur donations.

And entertainer Nick Cannon (host of "America's Got Talent") will attempt to dance nonstop for 24 hours as a warm up to Thursday's broadcast. His day of dance at Manhattan's NBC Experience Store will stream live on NBC.com starting Wednesday at 8 p.m. EDT.

"I don't think I've ever done anything for 24 hours straight except breathe," said Cannon, who will get just a five-minute break every couple of hours and plans to power his endurance contest with the help of Skittles. □

Sam Smith undergoes successful vocal cord surgery in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Grammy Award winner Sam Smith has undergone successful vocal cord surgery at a Boston hospital.

Massachusetts General Hospital said in a statement Tuesday — the singer's 23rd birthday — that he is expected to make a full recovery.

The surgery to stop recurrent vocal cord bleeding was performed by Dr. Steven Zeitels, who has performed the same procedure on Steven Tyler, Lionel Richie and Adele.

Smith's song "Stay With Me" won Grammys for song and record of the year and he also was named best new artist in February. The British's sing-



In this Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, file photo, Sam Smith poses for photographers upon arrival at the Elle Style Awards in London.
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er's "In the Lonely Hour" was named best pop vocal album.

According to the hospital, Smith's condition was the result of unstable blood

vessels in the vocal cord that can rupture and make it difficult to speak and almost impossible to sing.

Smith's next live show is scheduled for July 18. □

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